GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2910
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2000
DRUGS UNDER DRUGS PRICE CONTROL ORDER
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have appointed any authority to keep a check on the prices of the drugs;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the decisions are being taken favouring the multinational drug companies and the interest of the Indian companies are ignored while using the right to keep a check on the prices of the medicines;

(d): if so, whether the Government have received complaints in this regard during the last three years; and

(e): if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority(NPPA), established on the 29th August, 1997 has been entrusted, inter- alia, with the task of fixation/revision of prices of scheduled drugs and formulations based thereon under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and for monitoring prices.

(c): Decisions on pricing of medicines are taken by the NPPA in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Drugs (PricesControl) Order, 1995.

(d) and (e): Do not arise in view of (c) above.